

the memorial of the Managers of the Washington Monument, delivered the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of the managers of the Washington monument, beg leave to submit the following report:

In the year 1809, a number of individuals, citizens of this State, were authorized by law to raise by lottery a sum of money, not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, to erect a statue, monument, or mausoleum, in honor of Washington. Having expended that sum for this laudable purpose, they were, in 1816, further empowered to raise also by lottery such additional sum as might be necessary, to complete the monument, according to the plan they had adopted. This they continued to do until the year 1824, at which time they relinquished the privilege, which was found to interfere with the State Lottery System, on condition of receiving annually from the Treasurer of the Western Shore, the surplus of the State Lotteries, over and above the clear sum of twelve thousand dollars. In 1826-'7, a new arrangement was made, founded, your committee believe, upon the extraordinary productiveness of the state lotteries in that or the preceding year; and the treasurer of the western shore was required by law to pay over to the Managers, during that year, any sum received from the Lotteries, not exceeding twenty thousand dollars. By the same act, the State solemnly adopted the work for her own, declared it to be her property, and ordained that the inscriptions to be placed on it should be expressive of the gratitude of Maryland. The sums thus raised, and faithfully appropriated to their pious object, having been still insufficient, the Treasurer of the Western Shore was required by law, in 1829, to issue during that year scrip to the amount of twenty thousand dollars, at five per centum, redeemable at pleasure, and to apply to the payment of the interests and redemption of the principal, at his discretion, the clear proceeds of the Lotteries, over and above twelve thousand dollars, annually, which had been pledged to this object, by the act of 1824. Of the scrip thus issued, there has been redeemed the sum of five thousand dollars.

The whole amount expended in the erection of the monument, as appears from the annual reports of the Managers to the Treasurer of the Western Shore, has been, one hundred and seventy eight thousand two hundred and sixty-five dollars. That noble work is, however, yet unfinished; and for want of funds, it has remained in its present condition.